

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the final Office Action dated January 3, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to the points of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment and favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-36, 42 and 45-48 have been allowed and are pending. Claims 37-41, 43 and 44 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over US Patent No. 3,864,199 and are cancelled above.



CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Amendment and any other fees applicable to this application to the Assignee's Deposit Account No. 07-0868.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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